

UNAPPROVED DRAFT
BOARD OF DENTISTRY
MINUTES
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE “A”

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee “A” convened on August 22, 2008 at 9:45 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA 23233.

PRESIDING: Meera A. Gokli, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacqueline G. Pace, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director
Teresa Parrish, Administrative Assistant
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

QUORUM: Both members of the Committee were present.

**Christopher Huff, D.D.S.
Case No. 99515** Christopher Huff, D.D.S. appeared without counsel, to discuss allegations that, during his treatment of Patient A, from July through September, 2004, he failed to deliver a properly fitting temporary bridge to teeth #6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Closed Meeting: Ms. Pace moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene: Ms. Pace moved to certify that only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law were discussed or considered by the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

DECISION: Ms. Joseph reported that the Committee determined that during the course of Dr. Huff’s treatment of Patient A he failed to address the patient’s critical need for periodontal care as a foundation for delivering a properly fitting temporary bridge. Thereafter, he fit temporary bridges that left significant lingual gaps. Patient A also experienced irregular speech and food impaction. Dr. Huff was issued a monetary penalty of \$1000.00 furthermore within (six) months from the entry of the Board Order he is required to take 6 continuing education hours in periodontics. Ms. Pace moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such on Dr. Huff unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Huff. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Committee

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shall be vacated.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee "A" convened on August 22, 2008, at 1:05 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA 23233.

PRESIDING: Meera A. Gokli, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacqueline G. Pace, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director
Teresa Parrish, Administrative Assistant
Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

QUORUM: Both members of the Committee were present.

**Sonia Francioni, D.M.D.
Case No. 112484** Sonia Francioni, D.M.D. appeared with counsel, Gerald Canaan, II, Esq., to discuss allegation that on or about September 13, 2005, while performing a root canal on Patient A, she failed to adequately fill a mesial canal on tooth #31 which caused the patient to have the tooth retreated.

Closed Meeting: Ms. Pace moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene: Ms. Pace moved to certify that only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law were discussed or considered by the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

DECISION: Ms. Gaines reported that the Committee determined that a violation of the Board's statutes and regulations was not established and dismissed the case. Ms. Pace moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Meera Gokli, D.D.S., Chair

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

Date

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